

REMARKS

Initially, Applicants would like to express their appreciation to the Examiner for the detailed Official Action provided, and for the acknowledgment of Applicants' Claim for Priority and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document in the Official Action.

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1-5 will have been canceled, claims 6-8 and 12-14 will have been amended, and the specification and drawings will have been amended. Claims 6-16 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections, and allowance of all the claims pending in the present application.

Applicants note that the specification, claims and drawings have been amended for clarification. Applicants submit that the amendments to the specification, claims and drawings find support in the original disclosure, and do not introduce any impermissible new matter into the application.

On page 2 of the Official Action, claim 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by HUNG (U.S. Patent Application Publication No.2004/0096341). Applicants note that claims 1-5 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Accordingly, Applicants submit that this rejection is deemed to be moot, and respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

On page 2 of the Official Action, claims 6-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over SAHS (U.S. Patent No. 3,785,167) in view of HUNG (U.S. Patent Application Publication No.2004/0096341).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 6-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 6 and 12, as currently amended, each include, inter alia, “an elastic member comprising: a body on which a compressor is mounted, the body having a base which is a lower portion of the body and a plurality of grooves enclosing an inner surface and outer surface thereof to have a vertical section in a zigzag, a stopper coupling part in a conical form provided on a top of the body and having an upper projection whose horizontal sectional area is less than the horizontal sectional area of the body, wherein the stopper coupling part and the body are integrally formed, and a diameter of the stopper coupling part grows smaller from a lower portion to an upper portion thereof, and a hollow axially passes through a central portion of the body and the stopper coupling part”.

Applicants submit that SAHS lacks any disclosure of *an elastic member having a body and a stopper coupling part which are integrally formed, with a hollow passing axially through a central portion of the body and the stopper coupling part*. In this regard, Applicants note that bushing 20 (21, 22, 23) of SAHS clearly does not include a stopper coupling part. Further, Applicants note that bushing 18 of SAHS clearly is not formed integrally with the bushing 20. Applicants further submit that HUNG does not provide any

teachings which could possibly be viewed as curing these deficiencies in the disclosure of SAHS.

Applicants submit that SAHS lacks any disclosure of *a body having a plurality of grooves enclosing an inner surface and outer surface thereof to have a vertical section in a zigzag*. Applicants note that the Examiner appears to acknowledge that SAHS lacks any disclosure of such a body. Further, although HUNG appears to show a an elastic leg 2 with bendable sections, Applicants submit that it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide such bendable sections in the bushing 20 of SAHS, particularly since SAHS clearly relies upon the spring 24 for flexibility and vibration dampening. Further, Applicants note that HUNG itself discloses the use of springs 3, as shown in the embodiments of Figs. 11 and 12, and thus clearly teaches away from providing such bendable sections when a spring is used for flexibility and vibration dampening. Applicants further submit that the elastic leg 2 of HUNG, which is located below a bottom plate 13, is not analogous to the structure of SAHS, particularly since it supports the entire load itself, does not have a central hollow passing therethrough, and is clearly not part of a base pan, stand and stopper system.

Applicants submit that SAHS lacks any disclosure of *a stopper coupling part in a conical form provided on a top of the body and having an upper projection whose horizontal sectional area is less than the horizontal sectional area of the body, with a diameter of the*

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stopper coupling part growing smaller from a lower portion to an upper portion thereof.

Applicants note that the bushings 18 and 20 of SAHS clearly do not include a stopper coupling part in a conical form, and having upper projection with a reduced horizontal sectional area. Applicants further submit that HUNG does not provide any teachings which could possibly be viewed as curing these deficiencies in the disclosure of SAHS. In this regard, Applicants note that HUNG does not disclose *any* stopper coupling part, much less one which is conical and has an upper projection with a reduced horizontal sectional area.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 6-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is improper at least for each and certainly for all of the above reasons. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection, and an early indication of the allowance of these claims.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Entry and consideration of the present amendment, reconsideration of the outstanding Official Action, and allowance of the present application and all of the claims therein are respectfully requested and now believed to be appropriate.

Applicants have made a sincere effort to place the present application in condition for allowance and believe that they have now done so.

Any amendments to the claims that have been made in this amendment, which do not narrow the scope of the claims, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered cosmetic in nature, and to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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Attachments: 5 Replacement Sheets of Drawings containing Figs. 2-6

AMENDMENTS TO DRAWINGS

Replace the five original sheets of drawings containing Figs. 2-6 with the five replacement sheets attached hereto which contain Figs. 2-6. The figures in the replacement sheets include the following changes:

Fig. 2: reference number 14 has been moved down, and reference number 14a has been added;

Fig. 3: reference number 14 has been moved down, and reference number 14a has been added;

Fig. 4: reference number 140 has been changed to 14b, and reference number 14 has been added;

Fig. 5A: reference number 141 has been changed to 14c, and reference number 14 has been added;

Fig. 5B: reference number 141b has been changed to 14c, reference numbers 141 and 141a have been removed, and reference number 14 has been added; and

Fig. 6: reference number 141 has been changed to 14c, and reference number 14 has been added.